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Lieutenants were served out to the musket crew, and the full was called. Then Captain E. Both, of the Imperial Service (Gilt), saw that one of his crew, a fireman, had a useless belt. To obtain another was a risky operation. But the captain gave his own belt to the man. Then he tried to get another for himself. A huge wave swept the deck, and he was never seen again.

So, a very gallant gentleman went to his death. As a piece of heroism it is balanced by the gallantry of a shipmaster, whose name and details, owing to the war, cannot be given. The captain, a soldier, and a sailor were wounded by shells from an enemy submarine. They were the only three left on board the attacked ship. Having remained with the wounded sailor, the captain tried to get two small rafts over the side, and then found the wounded sailor.

When the rafts were got overboard the sailor was lowered first. Then followed the sailor, the captain coming last. One raft had floated away, and the gallant captain, finding that the one left would not support three men swam, wounded in leg and shoulder as he was, to the then distant second raft. Fortunately the three men were picked up by the ship's boat, later.

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10 P.M. 'FATSHAN' 5 P.M. 'KINSHAN'

THURSDAY, 25th MAY.

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10 P.M. 'KINSHAN' 5 P.M. 'FATSHAN'

Single Fare by Night Steamer ..... \$ 6.00  
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The price of issue is 95%.

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The Russian Government, without option for the Russian Government to convert it at an earlier date.

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C. D. J. BELL,

Chief Constructor.

Hongkong, May 22, 1916.

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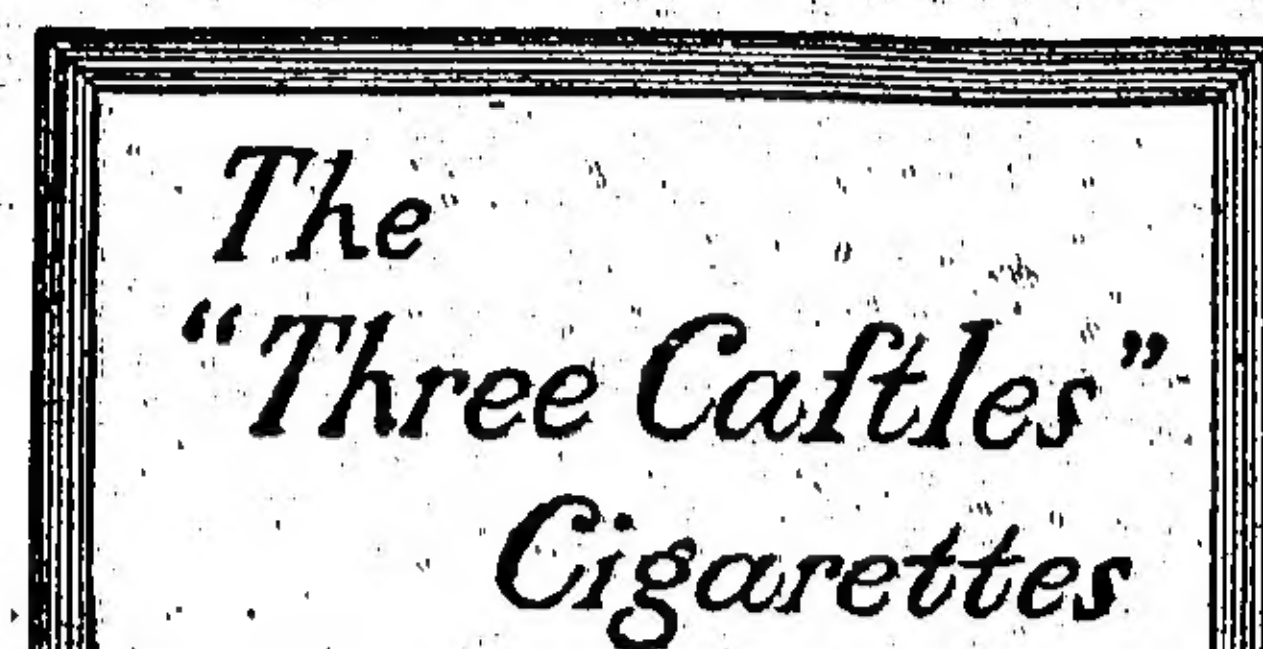
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Superfluous ornament is as much the abhorrence of the modern woman as it was the favorite distraction of her not very distant ancestor. Her style may be rustic, but always with deference to the importance of the mouseline de soie with which they are trimmed. Very rarely does she look glancingly new; seldom can she be accused of having what an English woman once described as "a half face." Very early in life she puts on a little powder, and she drifts softly with the years into a little more, but to "make up" is very much less the fashion than it was. It is not so necessary as it was. Wars of air and exercise, lack of hygiene generally, rugged the beauties of old days and drove them to powders, pomades, and other mysteries. To-day, especially since the war, women have less time, less need, and less inclination to artificial make up, and where help is necessary, they fall back on massage, simple creams, and as little powder as possible. These remedies they continue to use even when working in hospital, and even when they have refrained from buying new clothes. Many nurses rise at 5 in the morning to be ready for duty at 7, so that they may give ample time to their appearance.

To arrive at this finished effect most women have to go through a good deal of self-discipline, and are often forced to sacrifice an extra hour or half-hour in bed. Quite old ladies are Spartan-like in such matters, and would sooner forego their breakfast than 10 minutes of their dressing hour. The well-kept hands of the working girl do not mean idleness or careless households, but early rising before a 10-hour day in a dressmaking workshop. Most Frenchwomen, to judge by their hands and their hair, look as if they had made really only a very few have.

Frenchwomen, again, pay attention to the smallest details of their clothing, and one wonders how not only the working classes but also the society women manage to have all these details so neat, considering how hard they work. There are women in French society who do more work in a day than other women in a week, so it must be a case of individual strength of will. For instance, a lady with half a dozen great houses to run, a family of four children, a very exacting husband, an immense amount of philanthropic work, a reputation for personal beauty, good dressing, and entertaining, also studies seriously languages, literature, art, and music. Her success lies in her power to organize her resources and to keep herself up to time in all she undertakes. In another case, the wife of a French officer of high grade, but with very modest pay, has a hundred social duties to fulfill, ruled by a severe etiquette; and to make her budget meet at both ends she must supervise every detail herself.

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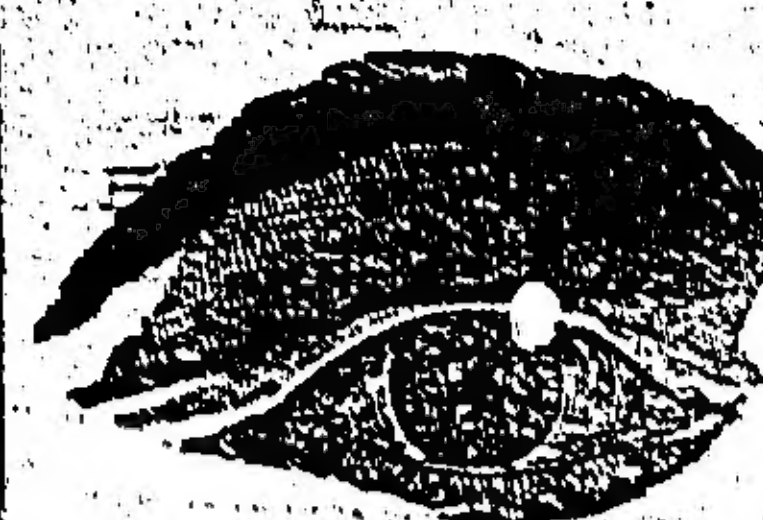
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135 BUNDLES BAMBOO CANES.  
Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, May 19, 1916. 658

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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the 26th May, 1916, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, 1st Floor, 16 Des Vaux Road Central.

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One Feather Cleaning Machine.  
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Hongkong, May 19, 1916. 659

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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## SATURDAY,

the 27th May, 1916, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Comprising—  
Large Silk-embroidered and Hand-painted Screens and Wall Panels, Brinze and Brass Carvings, Figures, Lanterns, Bowls, etc., Sutra, Tea Sets, Rose Bowls, Vases and Plates, Makinoda, Inari and Kaga Ware, including Dinner and Tea Services, Vases and Bowls, Tortoise shell Toilet Sets and Ornaments, Ivory Carvings, Figures, Vases, etc., etc.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1916. 673

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## TUESDAY,

the 30th May, 1916, at 3 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A NUMBER OF  
INDIAN CARPETS AND RUGS  
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Hongkong, May 20, 1916. 675

## AUCTIONS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Chief Ordnance Officer, China Command, to sell by Public Auction.

## THURSDAY,

the 1st June, 1916, at 11 a.m., at the Army Service Corps Camber, The Steam Launch.

## JUBILEE.

Length ... 65 feet  
Beam ... 13  
Depth ... 6  
Displacement ... 60 tons

Compound Engines Surface Condensing will carry 20 passengers.

The Vessel may be seen by arrangement with the undersigned on or after 23rd May at the Army Service Corps Camber.

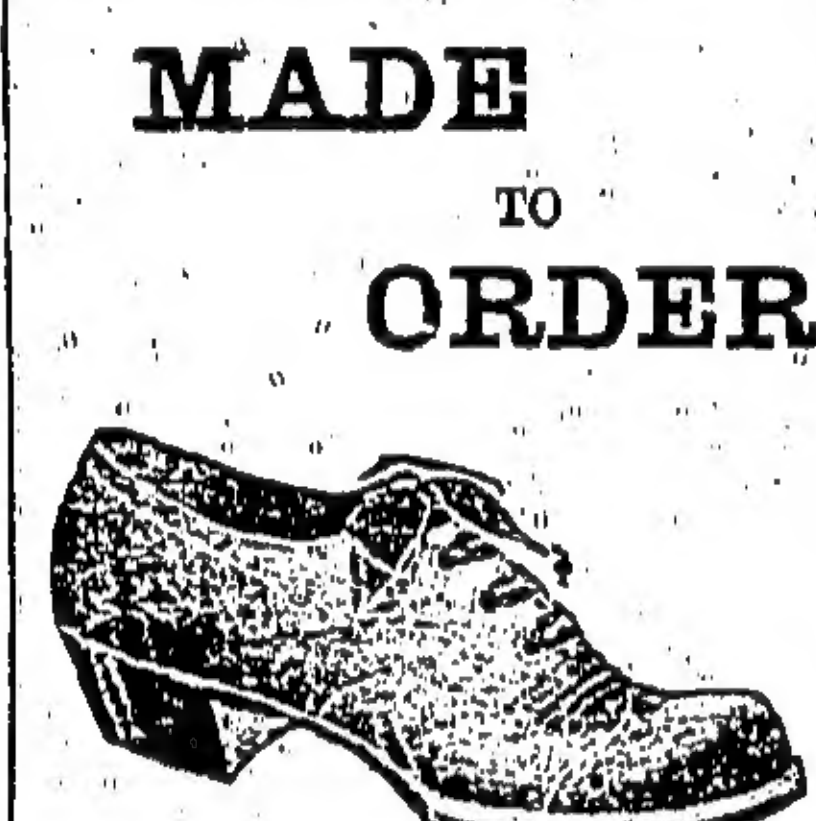
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## NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 20.

## PAYING THE BILL.

Between our cheeriness in "paying through the nose" in a Cause we believe in, and our enjoyment of the First Life Guards Band playing the German "Hymn of Hate" at public functions, the neutral observer is hard put to it. He cannot understand our psychology.

And as a matter of fact we are hard hit, but what grumbling we do is mainly in private, and even then it is against the sharks, wholesale and retail, who are charging us enormous prices, plus taxes, long before the taxes come into operation. We don't mind giving to the Imperial cause, but we do mind being led by the unscrupulous commercial rumpire.

Our coffee, cocoa, tea, milk, and a host of other necessary things are already up. This week another necessary thing to many—beer—is to take on an extra penny a pint, and the imposition of a match tax has reduced the size of the box and the number of the contents, and it threatens to do away with the free supplies that we have been accustomed to in public places. With matches at double the price, restaurants, clubs and buffets will have to think twice before exposing their clients to temptation.

Our notions of public economy are peculiar. We save a bit on closing the museums just when a lot of overseas men are here who would appreciate them, and we try to induce an eight-hour day on civil servants when the majority of them have been working far more than those hours ever since the war began. The result is that the proposal makes them sufficiently angry to break all dignified precedent and unite to hold a meeting of protest. Whereupon the Government climbs down and teaches the hitherto docile civil service clerks that unity and trade union principles are effective weapons.

Now it is the turn of the poor occupants of the Zoo, whose food charges are to be cut down because the supplies are costing so much more; and yesterday a serious-minded M.P. was solemnly asking for the State of the prisoners' doing "hard labour" in the British prisons.

The reductions in the Zoo charges are not so mean as they look. Among the items of food now dispensed with are starlings and guinea pigs, while carrots, onions, and mangels have also disappeared from the list, along with quantities of shrimps, lemons and other delicacies. Nevertheless the bill of fare for the animal guests is sufficiently varied, for it includes 13,701 mice, besides sparrows, bananas, oranges and condensed milk.

## AN ECCENTRIC.

On Monday there was carried to his last resting place the Marquis of Clanricarde, most hated of "absentee" peers and landlords, who lived for years alone in a little flat in Piccadilly with the paper peeling off the walls, on the mezzanine floor, but with priceless pictures and china on the premises. He hardly had a friend, and seemed to glory in his aloofness. At the Highgate Cemetery when he was buried there were hardly a dozen people at the graveside.

It is said he had a wonderful oil painting nailed to the back of a door rather than spend money on a frame, but that is likely enough an exaggeration, for he was keen on a bargain for pictures, and was not above doing a deal if he saw a profit in it. No dealer could get the better of him when he haunted the auction rooms. Apart from that he had no apparent interests, and few if any friends visited him. He did not receive anyone too readily of late years, possibly as a consequence of an experience of allowing an American journalist to examine his treasures. The peer did the honours of his place to the best of his ability and spent some time explaining this and that bit of china or painting. His reward was an article in an American paper describing him as the worst kind of ogre. That put the final touches to a nature already withered and blighted by shadows.

It is said that he once wrote to his landlord complaining of the very bad state of the drains. Evidently he was prepared to put up with the drains under certain circumstances, for a passage in the letter read:—"You must either have the drains put right or reduce the rent."

## LIQUID FIRE.

An officer from the front states that the liquid fire used very freely by the Germans against the French at Verdun is really a very spectacular but far from terrible weapon of attack. The first time it is seen it is really alarming but its effect wears off on acquaintance. What is far more effective in his opinion, is the deadly dexterity of our bomb throwers in the trenches, which affords us a view of the advantage of being a sporting nation. The gymnastically trained Tontons, for all his rules and mechanical contrivances for securing efficiency, is nothing like so good at using this weapon of muscularity.

## EASTER TIME.

Following the announcement that when we travel from one part of the country to another we are not to have the accommodation of a dining car but must content ourselves with a cold luncheon basket has come the decision by the railway board to suspend all tourist tickets from May 1. This makes as much as one hundred per cent. different in the cost of many tickets and is expected to compel many people to exercise economy in respect to their summer holidays. What the people say at health resorts, where the chief occupation is providing accommodation for visitors, would not look well in print, but doubtless they know very little about political economy, so their plans will make no impression in Whitehall.

Easter time has brought splendid weather and the railway companies have been somewhat taken by surprise by the rush of people to the seaside notwithstanding all the talk about the shortage of money. The fact is the people who are going away are mostly those who are not in the habit of taking an Easter holiday but this year find themselves in possession of more cash than usual because of their munition work. It is described, in fact, more as a rest cure than a holiday. Many small houses are "sheltering" munition workers who among them are bringing in as much as £20 per week. It is the professional classes who are on "short commons" and finding it desperately hard to meet the claims upon them.

As to the higher ranks of society they too are not going away, and in the homes of Belgrave and Mayfair, where the munition mechanic and the business girl do not count, the expression is heard "No one is leaving London this year." Society women are busy themselves with hospitals and other war work and fancy they cannot be spared. Officials who in times of peace did a leisurely 9-0 to 5-4 day of what they were pleased to call work have been so put to it under war conditions that many of them are spending a week-end in bed. It is a curious fact that apart from treating soldiers and a few neurotic women the doctors have lost their usual patients. Those who are usually indolent enough to have leisure to develop ailments are now sufficiently occupied to keep them in good health, while those who might have good reason to consult the doctor no longer have the money for that luxury, and so keep away from the consulting room. I am told by a West End estate agent that while businesses catering for men have slumped, those meeting the luxurious tastes of women are doing well.

The same informant tells me that the uncertainty as to the position of the married man of military age has caused a drop in his business of eighty per cent. in the past two months. What demand there is, is for maisonettes—usually two floors of a divided house—where the rent is about two-thirds that of a flat in the same locality, and the domestic service problem is materially reduced as compared with keeping a house. Small houses are unobtainable in the more favoured localities, for there has been a migration from large houses in the interests of economy.

## THE VOLUNTEER FORCES.

At last the War Office has issued regulations affording recognition to the various Volunteer Corps, which gives them some prospect of real work in the service of the country and puts them on a definite footing as part of the forces of the Crown. The Volunteers apparently will still pay for their own arms, uniform and equipment, but will be able to Volunteer in units from the county regiments through the Lord Lieutenants for certain patrol and guard duties that are now performed by Regulars, thus releasing the enlisted soldier for service abroad. The Volunteer thus attesting, provided he is not eligible under ordinary military rules, finds a channel for his patriotic activities without rendering himself liable for actual fighting service, unless to repel an invasion.

The movement has been stagnant for some time, but there are to-day about 350,000 volunteers enrolled, and these have learned with joy that they can now discard the wearing of the red "G.E." brassard with their uniforms, for they have long regarded it as the stigma of the amateur and a mark of official disfavour. Wherever the volunteers have been given work to do their numbers have doubled in a very short time, so with work in prospect and the abandonment of the obnoxious arm-let the organisers of the movement look for a big revival from now on.

As youths of seventeen are allowed to be enrolled the corps seem likely to afford a fine medium for training young men for future military service and at the same time making

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use for home defence of keen patriots rejected for foreign service and hale men over military age. There are forty-five county regiments already in existence, and under county titles they have been found to work advantageously because they encourage the local spirit.

## SHIP BUILDING.

A shipping correspondent writes: "The theory has been put forward, and finds some support, that Germany's aim in destroying merchant vessels, irrespective of nationality, on a large scale, is to possess a greater proportion of the total tonnage when peace is declared than she did before the war broke out. At that time she owned about ten per cent. of the world's tonnage, but as an enormous number of Allied and neutral ships have since been sunk, the German mercantile marine, including the vessels lying in other than home ports, is to-day in a much stronger position relatively than it was before the outbreak of hostilities. Moreover at present few countries of any maritime importance are able to cope with the demand for tonnage. For nearly twenty months merchant work has been almost at a standstill in the United Kingdom, France, Russia, Belgium, and Italy, while as regards the United States, Holland, Sweden and Japan the yards there have for some time been faced with the difficulty of obtaining shipbuilding material, more especially steel. Some establishments have, in fact, closed down, and others are compelled to refuse new business."

Many authorities are of opinion that when the war comes to an end British ship builders, many of whom have of late extended their yards and largely increased their output facilities, will be splendidly placed as compared with their competitors elsewhere.

## ANZAC DAY.

London has had to wait a long time for any officially recognised opportunity to display its Imperial enthusiasm. The first real opportunity since the war began will come on Tuesday, when two thousand Australians and New Zealanders will have no less than four processions, a memorial service at Westminster Abbey, a luncheon at the Hotel Cecil, a matinee performance at His Majesty's Theatre, and a review at which General Birdwood, who commanded them in Gallipoli, will be present.

The whole programme is in celebration of the landing of the Anzac troops in Gallipoli on April 25 a year ago. The King and Queen have set aside important engagements to be present in the Abbey. I have mixed with these overseas soldiers a good deal in the past week and have been struck with their sportsmanlike anxiety that the Regulars who landed on the same day at Cape Helles should not be forgotten when the heart of the Empire throbs on Tuesday with the emotion stirred by the spectacle provided by these young lions from "down under."

## LLOYD'S AND PEACE.

I understand that opinion at Lloyd's is coming round to the view that, after all, peace is not an impossibility in the comparatively near future. Rates are, in fact, hardening against the cessation of hostilities this year. Two months ago the quotation covering the risk was fifteen guineas per cent., but to-day it is not believed that much business of the kind could be done under 35 guineas, while as regards June 30 of next year a higher figure is asked. The odds on peace being made by that date are, indeed, according to underwriters, about six to four.

In consequence of the recent losses suffered by shipping firms through German submarine activity the war risks market is also becoming very firm, and some members of Lloyd's have ceased to become responsible for any further transactions. Insurance of cargo to and from the United States is now being effected at a minimum of 30 shillings per cent., and nothing under 30 shillings can be done on Dutch boats for the round voyage to the Americas and back, as compared with 25s. last January. Very high rates are quoted on a number of overdue vessels.

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# THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE BATTLE OF VERDUN.

#### APPRECIABLE FRENCH GAINS.

Paris, May 23.

A semi-official statement says the Germans are now attacking on a front of 13 miles, but the French line holds fast everywhere. The French are replying successfully and have gained an appreciable advantage. Some of the gains, like Haudmont and Fort Douaumont, are tactically important, threatening the enemy's position in the centre of the Meuse front.

### WAR COUNCIL IN BERLIN.

London, May 23.

Berlin telegrams received at Rome announce that the Kaiser has summoned to Berlin Generals von Hindenburg, von Mackensen, and Falkenhayn, and the Ministry of War to a War Council to decide the appointment of troops on the Eastern and Western fronts.

It is stated that General von Hindenburg and General von Mackensen are pressing for reinforcements, but the operations at Verdun prevent the granting of their requests.

The inclusion of General von Moltke, who has been in semi-disgrace, is considered significant.

### GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED BY RUSSIANS.

Petrograd, May 23.

A *communiqué* mentions the repulse of German attacks north of Lake Naroz and north-west of Cantorysk.

Elsewhere, from the Gulf of Riga to the Romanian frontier, there have been only fusillades.

### TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

#### RESOLUTION BY MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

London, May 23.

The Manchester Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution by 432 votes to 234 in favour of not granting after the war the same facilities to our present enemies trading with the Empire as to our Allies and the Neutral Countries. Also expressing the opinion that steps should be taken to make dumping and a return to pre-war conditions impossible, and to effectually eliminate enemy influence.

1,300 members did not vote.

#### VESSELS SUNK.

London, May 23.

The following steamers have been sunk.

*Rhosus*, British.  
*Karla*, Danish.  
*Emilia*, (barque) Italian.  
Seven of the crew of the *Rhosus* were killed.

The *Erminia* was sunk by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean. The crew landed at Carthage. The crew of the submarine stripped the vessel.

### RUBBER FOUND IN DUTCH MAILS.

London, May 23.

The Prize Court has condemned as contraband a large quantity of rubber found in mails on the Dutch steamers *Tubantia*, *Gelria*, and *Hollandia* from Brazil.

### THE FALL IN THE PRICE OF SILVER.

London, May 23.

The Times is of opinion that the fall in the price of silver is due to an arrangement with the Allies whereby purchases will be made through agencies representing their joint interests.

### BRITISH SHIPPING IN THE FAR EAST.

The Times draws attention to the fact that the shipowners in Japan are obtaining such vast profits that when the war comes to an end, the shipping business of Great Britain in the Far East may suffer a decline. Such is the news given in a special despatch to the Osaka Mainichi.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

#### THE GREAT STRUGGLE AT VERDUN.

##### ENEMY'S PRODIGAL SACRIFICES.

##### FRENCH SUCCESSSES.

Paris, May 23.

The most desperate battle is proceeding at Verdun.

A *communiqué* states that "infantry actions have continued west of the Meuse. French bombers at Avocourt Wood gained successes and occupied several black houses. The struggle is particularly desperate in the region westward of Deadman Hill, where several German attempts to extend their progress were defeated by our curtain of fire and machine-guns. Then the French attacked, recapturing part of the ground lost during Saturday night."

The Germans, east of the Meuse, made counter-attacks on Haudmont and the Quarries which we captured yesterday. All the attacks were defeated, resulting in the heaviest German losses, while the French, on the outskirts of Vaux, carried today a German trench.

The Germans in Champagne discharged poison gas in the Sonain and Sonmeppe zone, but the wind immediately changed and the clouds of gas enveloped the German trenches.

##### SUCCESSFUL SURPRISE ATTACK.

Paris, May 23.

A successful surprise attack in Bouchot Wood, on the heights of the Meuse, cleared the German trenches for a length of 300 metres. We also captured prisoners.

Our batteries in Argonne vigorously bombarded Neufchâteau, Montfaucon and Cheppy Wood. A French aeroplane pursued and overtook a German machine which was returning from bombarding Dunkirk and fell to the northeast of Cassel. Two enemy aeroplanes were killed in a fight in Alsace.

##### GERMAN TRENCHES OCCUPIED.

Left of the Meuse we have continued to progress. South of Hill 287 we forced the enemy to evacuate a small work which he had occupied since the 18th. One counter-attack west of Morhonnne drove the enemy from some new trenches he had occupied. Our infantry, on the right of the Meuse after powerful artillery preparation, assaulted German positions on a front of two kilometres from the west of Triumont farm to the east of Douaumont fort. Our troops, as a result of the attack, carried German trenches and penetrated Douaumont fort, of which the enemy still holds the northern part. Numerous prisoners remained in our hands.

##### TREMENDOUS SLAUGHTER OF "GERMANS."

Paris, May 23.

A semi-official *communiqué* states that there was a tremendous slaughter of Germans in yesterday's battle, wave after wave of infantry being pitilessly mown down. "Shock columns" followed these waves, but gusts of artillery drove them back to their trenches with bloody losses and in great confusion. While the enemy were wasting their strength on the left bank the French made assaults on the right bank, which remains the principal battlefield. The French also gained important ground on the Douaumont Plateau.

##### ENEMY NO NEARER OBJECTIVE.

The Times' correspondent at Paris, summing up the continuous and bloody fighting at Verdun since Saturday afternoon, says that Hill 295 of Morhonnne is no longer completely in French hands. The summit is now swept by the artillery of both sides. The price paid by the Germans for this success on a small portion of the front attacked is enormous, and does not bring the enemy nearer to the achievement of the objective with which he started on February 22nd.

The assault was carried out with eight successive waves of infantry at intervals of fifty yards. The whole of a Bavarian Brigade participated. They were caught by the machine-guns and lost forty per cent. of their effectives before they got to grips with the French infantry. After this there was bayonet and bomb fighting which cost the enemy dearly.

It is estimated that seventy-five per cent. of the assailants were killed or wounded. The artillery preparation for the assault culminated on Saturday afternoon, a concentration of sixty batteries on the south-western and north-eastern slopes of Morhonnne obliterating the first French line. The enemy's assaulting columns, as is now his custom, were preceded by a skirmishing reconnaissance consisting of Officers, Non-Coms, and volunteers. The enemy's possession of trenches has not disturbed the fighting, which continues in the most fierce manner.

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### AERIAL ACTIVITY AT VERDUN.

#### GERMAN LOSSES.

Paris, May 23.

A *communiqué* states:—French aeroplanes at Verdun attacked German captive balloons and six fell to the ground ablaze. There have also been air combats in which three German aeroplanes fell. French bombing squadrons successfully attacked railway stations in the regions of Metz and Reims. They also dropped bombs on two munition depots and bivouacs between Thiarville and Metz and attacked the Headquarters establishment. Two French aeroplanes also dropped bombs on German railway lines northward of Verdun.

### SEVERE ATTACK ON A BRITISH POSITION.

#### GERMANS PENETRATE BRITISH TRENCHES.

London, May 23.

General Sir Douglas Haig, in a *communiqué*, states:—After a heavy bombardment all yesterday, which was most intense in the afternoon, the enemy attacked our positions at the north end of Vimy Ridge and penetrated the front line of trenches on a front of 1,500 yards and to a depth varying from 100 to 300 yards.

Our artillery to-day heavily bombarded the German positions.

We sprung mines at Rodincourt, Hohenzeller and the Quarries. There has also been mining activity at Nouville and Fleubraix. Both aeroplanes have been active opposite Lens and east of Ypres. We obtained direct hits on an enemy battery east of Blairville. Enemy aeroplanes were active yesterday. Many were engaged and driven off. One of our reconnaissance machines was forced to land in the enemy lines.

### 80,000 GERMAN TROOPS FOR RUSSIAN FRONT.

Zurich, May 23.

Recently 80,000 German troops have been sent to the Russian front to replace the Austrians, who were sent to London.

### THE POSITION ON THE TIGRIS REGION.

#### REPORT FROM GENERAL LAKE.

London, May 22.

General Lake reports that the south bank of the Tigris is clear of the enemy as far as Shatt-el-hai, except for the Tigris opposite Kut. Except for small raucous covering the bridge over the Sal, some 5,000 yards from its junction with the Tigris, the British main force has reached the line from Magdara to Dujailah, which is about two miles inside the enemy positions. The enemy on the north banks will occupy Samarra. The temperature is over a hundred in the shade.

### GENERAL SMUTS' OPERATIONS IN AFRICA.

#### FIGHTING IN LAND OF SURPRISING BEAUTY.

London, May 23.

Reuter's special correspondent with General Smuts says that the campaigning is in a land of surprising beauty, with snow-capped mountains, and deep, dark forests dominated by the mountain of Kilimanjaro, which the natives worship as a fetish. The land is infested by lions, leopards and other big game, so much so that a cockney chauffeur complained that it was "a blooming zoo where the animals were not locked up at night."

Round Mushi are the great German coffee and rubber plantations. Most of the trade is in the hands of Greeks or Indians. The German houses are looted, testifying to the grim relations existing between the natives and the German colonists.

The correspondent states that had the enveloping movement in the advance on Mushi been quicker a great capture would have been made, but the densely wooded country delayed the operations, and General Van der Ventur, who was to have enveloped the enemy's left, was held up by a crocodile-infested river and so was unable to intercept the enemy.

### PRINCE OF WALES.

London, May 23.

The Prince of Wales has returned from the front.

### SUBMARINE WARFARE.

#### MORE GERMAN STEAMERS TORPEDOED.

Copenhagen, May 23.

Russian submarines have sunk three more large German steamers in the Baltic.

### ALLIED AND NEUTRAL VESSELS SUNK.

London, May 23.

The Italian sailing vessel *Santa Andrea* has been sunk.

The Swedish steamer *Rosalia* has been mined at Stockholm.

The Greek steamer *Anastasis Coronos*, and the Italian steamer *Birmingham* have been sunk.

### MARSEILLES, MAY 23.

A German submarine sank the steamer *Langueudo* on Saturday in the Mediterranean.

The crew were saved, but the Captain was taken prisoner because he resisted attack.

### THE IRISH COMMISSION.

#### LORD WIMBORNE'S DISCLOSURES.

London, May 23.

Lord Wimborne, until lately Viceroy of Ireland, giving evidence before the Irish Commission, emphasised that the doctrine had been established of the complete irresponsibility of the Lord-Lieutenant. He had pointed out to Sir Matthew Nathan (Under Secretary), the absurdity of having to rely upon newspapers for his knowledge of current administration. He obtained a partial insight after repeated representations, and afterwards received daily reports. He dealt with his tour in the south of Ireland and the west of Ireland, and said that everywhere the Sinn Fein movement was belittled. Lord Wimborne said that he imagined that the charges against the Irish Government would be those of supine blindness and irresolution in dealing with the Sinn Fein movement. He had often formed independent and divergent views from those of the Irish Executive. He pressed the War Office to the effect that another division of troops should be trained in Ireland, but it was objected that this would delay sending the troops to the front. Lord Wimborne added that he suggested that the Sinn Feiners should be deported or interned, but Sir Edward Carson, as Attorney-General, considered deportation an extreme interpretation of the Defence of the Realm Act.

### MORE IRISH REBELS SENTENCED.

London, May 22.

There have been nine more Court-Martial sentences in Ireland, including one death sentence at Dublin and another at Wexford. These have now been committed to ten years and five years' penal servitude. The other sentences vary, after commutations, from one to ten years, and they include two at Dublin and five in Galway.

### MR. ASQUITH AND IRELAND.

#### STATEMENT TO-MORROW.

London, May 23.

Mr. Asquith held some informal consultations last night, those attending including Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. John Redmond.

It is understood that Mr. Asquith will not make his statement regarding Ireland till Thursday. Meanwhile, he will continue his consultations, and the Cabinet will review the situation.

### WOMEN ON THE LAND.

#### A WARNING TO FARMERS.

London, May 23.

Mr. Acland, speaking in the House of Commons on the agricultural estimates, warned farmers that they must not be prejudiced against women working on the land. The danger point had been reached as regards the agricultural labour position. He affirmed that 270 fishing vessels and 500 lives had been lost or were in the hands of the enemy, but fishing proceeded regularly. (Cheers.)

### THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

London, May 23.

In the House of Lords, Lord Islington announced that papers giving General Townshend's representation to General Nixon will be published in a few days. The papers regarding the operations in Mesopotamia entailed considerable correspondence with the Raj and the departments concerned. Steps were being taken to accelerate their preparation, but the precise date could not be given at present. He asked for notice of the question whether the papers would include the private telegrams which had passed between the Viceroy of India and Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the Secretary for India.

### NEW GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER.

Amsterdam, May 23.

Dr. Helfferich has been appointed Minister of the Interior and Deputy Imperial Chancellor. His successor as Minister of Finance is Count Roederer, Secretary for Alsace-Lorraine.

### NEW PRINCIPAL OF EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.

London, May 23.

Sir James Ewing has been appointed Principal of Edinburgh University.

### A BYE-ELECTION.

London, May 23.

Colonel Hall Walker has been re-elected unopposed for the Widnes division of Lancashire. The election was necessitated by the gift of his racing studs to the Government for war purposes.

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According to the German official casualty lists the following casualties (exclusive of corrections) were reported:—

	In March 1916.	Total to end of March.
Killed	12,332	632,301
Disabilities	2,352	38,000
Prisoners	1,720	128,301
Missing	2,318	20,327
Severely wounded	10,323	373,505
Wounded	2,360	131,110
Slightly wounded	26,237	983,027
Wounded remaining with units	4,653	104,470

Total ... 63,545 2,737,757.

Note that the figures represent casualties "reported" in March, 1916—not necessarily those which occurred in that month.

These German figures are especially misleading for the month of March. As has been revealed from day to day, the Verdun operations yielded terrible totals of losses, which it is more than ever Berlin's business to garble. A few examples may be called.

#### WHOLESALE LOSSES.

Two army corps (3rd and 18th) were withdrawn after losing at least a third of their number.

The 18th Army Corps has lost 17,000 men.

In the 12th Division of Infantry, more than half the 7th Regiment of reserve was mown down by French machine-guns.

Losses of the 60th Regiment were 69 per cent. of the effectives.

The 10th Regiment on March 9, attacking Vaux, had similar losses.

The 13th company was surprised and annihilated.

Three regiments of the 11th Bavarian Division, in the attack on Mahancourt-Avocourt Wood (March 20-22) had losses from 50 to 80 per cent.

Four regiments of the 2nd Division of the Landwehr suffered similarly.

These figures relate only to losses during attacks. The serious losses from artillery fire we cannot estimate always; but we know that the 37th Infantry Regiment, surprised by gunfire, lost 300 men, and so failed to replace the 19th Regiment in the attack on Vaux on March 10.

In the first 40 days of the 50-days battle of Verdun the Germans put into the field (Avocourt to Eparges) 230 infantry battalions (1,140 companies). These were reinforced strength, about 370 men per company, or nearly 300,000 men in all. Battalions were taken to the rear to be re-formed, others got reinforcement on the line; in all nearly 450,000 infantrymen (at a low estimate) appeared on the fighting line.

German losses were altogether a third of the troops engaged up to ten days ago—that means 150,000 men, fallen in the first lines; and it does not include those fallen under long-distance firing—a number to be counted by tens of thousands.

Does the Crown Prince think the capture of Verdun worth 300,000 men? For that matter, but what will the Kaiser think of 300,000 men thrown away in order NOT to take Verdun?—Daily Chronicle (April 10th).

### SAVED AMMUNITION SHIP.

#### KING DECORATES OFFICER FOR SPECIAL GALLANTRY.

The King received on Saturday at

Ducklington Palace Lieut. Commander Arthur R. S. Law, Warden, R.N., and decorated him with the Albert Medal (1st class) for special gallantry.

It is very seldom that the 1st class Albert Medal is awarded, and the deed for which it was bestowed would probably have won the V.C., but for the fact that it was not performed. In the face of the enemy "in a military sense."

The record read to the King told how on October 26 last a fire was discovered in the hold of the s.s. "Maine" at Boulogne. The "Maine" was loaded with ammunition, which included a quantity of high explosives. In the meantime the ship was abandoned by her officers and crew, and was taken by the local fire brigade to rig the shore fire hoses. Lieut. Commander Warden immediately proceeded on board, and on arrival at the after hold found smoke issuing from between the high explosive cases in the centre of the hatch. He went down into the hold, lifted up one of the cases, and called for the fire hose, which was passed to him by Private E. Gimble, Middlesex Regiment, who followed him on board.

"This case and the next one to it were alight. Warden played the hose on them and extinguished the fire."

There is little doubt, adds the official record, that the gallantry of Warden prevented an explosion which would have had serious, and possibly disastrous, results.

The Albert Medal of the 2nd class has been awarded to Private Gimble (mentioned above), and the King hopes to have an opportunity of bestowing it in person, but Gimble is just now fighting in France.

Atlantic flight to be attempted.

There is to be an attempt to fly the Atlantic during the summer months. It will be recalled that just before war broke out a British officer, Lieutenant John C. Porte, and an American aviator, Rodman Warner, were planning to carry out this ambitious project. Plans were interrupted by the war, for Lieutenant Porte rejoined the navy, where he is now serving as flight-lieutenant.

Warner, however, has just announced his intention to make an attempt to fly the Atlantic shortly, and for this purpose a new hydroplane is being constructed by the Curtis Company. This machine will be equipped with six 12-cylinder motors of 600 horse-power, and will be capable of travelling at the rate of 100 miles an hour. She will carry a crew of six. It is estimated that the entire flight will be made in less than three days.

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